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LAUNCHING OF CHANDRAYAN II
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given approval for the launching of Chandrayan-II; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which Chandrayan-II is likely to be launched?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir. Government has given approval for the launching of Chandrayaan-2.

(b) Chandrayaan-2 has been planned for in-situ scientific exploration of the polar regions of the Moon. Chandrayaan-2 will consist of an Orbiter and Lander-Rover. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will have the primary responsibility of realizing the Orbiter module and M/s Lavoshkin Association, Russia has the primary responsibility of realizing the Lander-Rover module. The Lander will land at a suitable site on Moon and carry out in-situ analysis by extracting lunar soil by a robotic arm for scientific studies for detection of water-ice and He-3. Chandrayaan-II is planned to be realized during the time frame 2011-2012.